

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action dated November 17, 2004 and provide the following response thereto. As a result of this Amendment, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

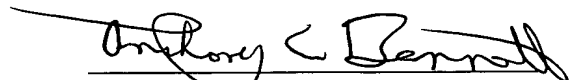
In the Office Action, the Examiner has identified five separate patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Applicants hereby elect the first embodiment corresponding to Figs. 1-11.

Applicants respectfully submit that the following claims are readable on the elected species:

1-4, 5 and 6 (as amended), 7-14, 17-19 and 21.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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